

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAPORTE COUNTY

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LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, November 18, 2008

The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3.

Commission President, William Hager, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Commission President, William Hager, Commission Vice President, Michael Bohacek, Commission Member, Barbara Huston. Also Present, LaPorte County Auditor, Teresa Shuter, LaPorte County Attorney, Robert Szilagyi, and Executive Secretary, Reathel Noveroske.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Huston led the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hager, under New Business, add E., Manatron Contract.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Bohacek, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2008, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Huston, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

WEEKLY REPORTS

Commissioners review and sign the weekly reports during the meeting.

CLAIMS

Payroll Ending November 28, 2008, Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bohacek, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Miscellaneous Claims--- \$ 282,611.28, Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Huston, motion carried by roll call vote 3-0.

Regular Claims———\$2,023,278.82, Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bohacek, motion carried by roll call vote 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REQUESTS

K. James Wurster, Assistant Bailiff, LaPorte Superior Court #3/Request Pay for Unused Sick Days

Judge Baldoni, We at first calculated it on five years, that was a mistake, it should have been calculated on fourteen years.

Mr. Bohacek, Mr. Szilagyi, does this request concur with our personnel policy?

Mr. Szilagyi, it is based on what you have passed some time ago.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to pay both these retiring individuals for 60 days of the unused sick days as set forth in our personnel policy at \$75.00 per day, seconded by Mrs. Huston, motion carried by roll call vote 3-0.

Kathleen M. Grillo, Court Reporter, LaPorte Superior Court #3/Request Pay for Unused Sick Days

Please see above action.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Kazmierzak/Speed Limit Sign and No Trucks Sign (Tabled)

Mrs. Huston made a motion to take off the table, seconded by Mr. Bohacek, motion carried by voice vote, 3-0.

Mr. McVay, we conducted an analysis on the roadway, County Road 150 East, Division Road to State Road 4, and according to our results, we are recommending a speed limit of 35 miles per hour. It is not marked at all so that means the limit right now is 55 miles per hour. I also suggest that we put up "No Trucks" sigus both ways in regard to semis. We could set a weight limit to not exceed 12 ton.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to refer this matter to Attorney Szilagyi, seconded by Mrs. Huston, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Howell Jones/Excess Property

Mr. Howell Jones from Hudson Lake, I have filed a petition to acquire excess property.

Mr. Szilagyi, Mr. Jones has filed a petition here based on his earlier request. What is marked on this map is what he wishes to buy. He owns what is marked in white & it is bordered by Belmont Street, Park View & Villa Blvd. If you approve this, basically he just needs to publish it, Notice of Public Hearing, with the date of January 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Huston, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Szilagyi, the county owns all the adjoining property so we can waive #2, "notice by certified mail regarding such real estate to abutting landowners".

Resolution #2008-14

NEW BUSINESS

Michigan City Housing Authority/Excess Property

Mrs. Huston made a motion to refer this request to Attorney Szilagyi for a resolution, seconded by Mr.

Bohacek, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Robert L. Young, LaPorte County Highway Department Superintendent/CEDIT request

Robert Young, this is a request for the November draw from CEDIT in the amount of \$1,750,000.00.

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to approve it, seconded by Mrs. Huston, motion carried by roll call vote 3-0.

Robert L. Young, LaPorte County Highway Department Superintendent/Updating Class 7 Material Specs

Mr. Young, I'm not sure I need to be here. This has to do with Class 7 material specs and our annual material bids we bid out every year for culvert pipe, guardrail, all steel bridge decking & etc., We just sent out the bid notices but we haven't received any back. We are just asking for approval of the additions to the list.

Mr. Hager, okay & thank you. No action is necessary.

Commissioners approval of LaPorte County 2009 Holidays

Mrs. Huston made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Mr. Bohacek, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Mrs. Huston, the day after New Year's Day is not on the list. I make a motion to close January 2, 2009, seconded by Mr. Bohacek, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Mr. Bohacek, we typically give the day after Thanksgiving off, lets amend the list to add the day after Thanksgiving as a regular holiday date.

Mrs. Huston, I will amend my motion to approve this list, plus the day after New Year's Day, plus the Day after Thanksgiving, seconded by Mr. Bohacek as amended, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

Manatron Contract

Mr. Bohacek made a motion to table, seconded by Mrs. Huston, motion carried by voice vote 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Huston, I wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

ADJOURN

Mr. Hager adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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